

a binding ring;

a lamination coupled to at least a portion of an outer circumference of said binding ring, said lamination having a slot formed therein for receiving a winding, the slot being defined between a portion of the outer circumference of the binding ring and a portion of an inner perimeter of the lamination; and

a tie coupled to said lamination and said binding ring to enable said winding to be held within said slot.

25. (New) The winding support structure of claim 24 wherein said tie is arranged completely around a portion of said lamination and a portion of said binding ring.

26. (New) The winding support structure of claim 24 wherein said lamination includes a first tooth and a second tooth, said slot being defined between said first tooth and said second tooth, and said first tooth and said second tooth being integral with said lamination.

27. (New) The winding support structure of claim 26 wherein said lamination includes a third tooth integral with said lamination to define another slot between said second tooth and said third tooth to receive said winding.

28. (New) The winding support structure of claim 24 further comprising a felt ring arranged around the outer circumference of said binding ring so that said felt ring is arranged between said binding ring and said lamination and between the binding ring and the slot.

29. (New) The winding support structure of claim 24 further comprising a tire arranged around the outer circumference of said binding ring so that said tire is arranged between said binding ring and said lamination and between the binding ring and the slot.

30. (New) The winding support structure of claim 24 further comprising another tie coupled to said binding ring.

31. (New) The winding support structure of claim 30 wherein the tie is arranged around a portion of an inner circumference of the binding ring and a portion of an outer perimeter of the lamination.

32. (New) A method of forming a winding support structure, the method comprising:

providing a binding ring;

forming a slot in a lamination to receive a winding; and

coupling said lamination to at least a portion of an outer circumference of said binding ring by arranging a tie completely around a portion of said lamination and a portion of said binding ring to enable said winding to be held within said slot, the slot being defined between a portion of the outer circumference of the binding ring and a portion of the inner perimeter of the lamination.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein forming said slot in said lamination includes forming a first tooth and a second tooth integral with said lamination, said slot being defined between said first tooth and said second tooth.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein forming said lamination includes forming a third tooth integral with said lamination to define another slot between said second tooth and said third tooth to receive said winding.

35. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising arranging a felt ring around an outer circumference of said binding ring so that said felt ring is arranged between said binding ring and said lamination and between the binding ring and the slot.

36. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising arranging a tire around an outer circumference of said binding ring so that said tire is arranged between said binding ring and said lamination and between the binding ring and the slot.

37. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising coupling another tie to said binding ring.

38. (New) The winding support structure of claim 32 wherein the tie is arranged around a portion of an inner circumference of the binding ring and a portion of an outer perimeter of the lamination.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-7, 13-18 and 24-38 are pending in this application. Applicant submits that new claims 24-38 are directed to the elected invention.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103:

Claims 1, 2 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Jäger et al (U.S. '708, hereinafter "Jäger"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element of the claim must be found, either expressly or under principles of inherency, in the reference. Applicant submits that Jäger fails to disclose all of the claimed limitations required by independent claim 1 and claims 2 and 7 which depend therefrom. For example, Applicant submits that Jäger fails to disclose a lamination having